

GROOMS, Lawrence Kelly "Larry" [R]—(Dist. No. 37, Berkeley-Charleston-Colleton-Dorchester Cos.)—Pres./CEO GTI; residing at 131 Indian Field Dr., Bonneau; b. Mar. 20, 1964 in Moncks Corner, s. Lawrence and Pat Grooms; g. Clemson Univ., B.S., 1987; May 21, 1988 m. Carol Elaine Anderson, 3 children, Taylor, Hayden, and Jack; Bd. of Visitors, Charleston

Southern Univ., 1996-; Bd. mem., United Methodist Relief Center, 2003-; Exec. Comm., Berkeley Co. Rep. Party, 1996-; Life mem., Natl. Rifle Assn.; Life mem., Natl. Assn. of Texaco and Shell Marketers; Significant Contribution Award, MADD, 1998; Legis. Achievement Award, Charleston More Than a Port, 2002; Legis. Appreciation Award, Agric. Comm. of S.C., 2002; Raising the Standard Award, Heritage Comm. Servs., 2003; Natl. Legis. Impact Award, Natl. Abstinence Clearinghouse, 2004; Outstanding Senator Award, Amer. Legion Dept. of S.C., 2004; Legislator of the Year, Carolina's Independent Automobile Dealers Assn., 2004; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Public Charter School Assn., 2004; Friend to the Taxpayer Award by S.C. Assn. of Taxpayers, 2004; S.C. Farm Bureau Legislator of the Year, 2005; S.C. Poultry Fed. Legislator of the Year, 2006; Humane State Legislator Award by Humane Soc. of U.S., 2006; Christian, Saved by Grace, April 1987; Deacon Bd. past Chm., First Baptist Church, St. Stephens; prev. serv. in Sen. Nov. 4, 1997-06.



HAWKINS, John D. [R]—(Dist. No. 12, Spartanburg Co.)—Atty., John D. Hawkins, P.A.; residing in Spartanburg; b. Mar. 2, 1968 in Spartanburg; s. the late David O. and Doretha A. Hawkins; g. Wofford Coll., B.A., 1991, Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 1994; Managing Editor, S.C. Law Review; Order of Wig and Robe; Feb. 9, 1991

m. Andrea Allison Moore, 2 children, Jennifer Lauren and Haley Pamela; law clerk to Hon. E. C. Burnett III, Justice, Supreme Court of S.C., 1994–96; Pres., First Monday Rep. Club of Spartanburg, 1997; Chm., House Freshman Caucus,

1997–98; Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award, S.C. Victim's Assistance Network, 2001; Palmetto Patriot Award, Gun Owners of S.C., 2002; mil. serv.: enlisted SCANG, 1986–87; SCARNG, 1987–; Present Assignment: Judge Advocate Gen. Corps., Major, STARC; prev. serv. in House 1997–00; Sen. 2001–06.

HAYES, Robert Wesley, Jr. [R]—(Dist. No. 15, *York* Co.)—Atty.; residing at 1486 Cureton Dr., Rock Hill; *b*. Dec. 19, 1952; *s*. Robert Wesley and Wilbur (Kirkland) Hayes; *g*. U.S. Mil. Academy in West Point, B.S., 1975; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1983; Jan. 8, 1977 *m*. Sarah Mellon Shurley, 3 children, Robert Wesley III, James Creighton, and Margaret Mellon; Pres. of Class of 1975 & Battalion



Comdr. at West Point; Pres., Student Bar Assn., Univ. of S.C., 1982–83; Law Review, 1981–83; Order of the Coif; mem.: Partner in law firm of Harrelson, Hayes, and Guyton; Exec. Council, S.C. Young Lawyers Div. of State Bar, 1984–87; Exec. Council, SCNG Assn., 1990–92, 2001–03; Bd.: Guardian Fidelity Mortgage Corp.; Westminster Towers; S.C. Bank & Trust of the Piedmont; Chm., York Co. Red Cross, 2004; Chm., York Dist. Boy Scouts of America, 1985–91; Chm., Rock Hill United Way Campaign, 1992; S.C. Jaycees Outstanding Young Amer. Award, 1990; Recipient of The Compleat Lawyer Award by Univ. of S.C. Law School Alumni Assn., 1996; Westminster Presbyterian Church; mil. serv.: USA, 82nd Abn. Div., 1975–80; SCARNG, 1980–05; Master Parachutist, Ranger, Col.; prev. serv. in House 1985–91; Sen. Sept. 17, 1991–06.

HUTTO, C. Bradley "Brad" [D]— (Dist. No. 40, Allendale-Bamberg-Barnwell-Orangeburg Cos.)—Atty.; residing at 1330 Tolly Ganly Cir., Orangeburg; b. Aug. 6, 1957 in Orangeburg; s. Charles L. aud. Harriet L. Hutto; g. Honors Prog. at Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1978; Georgetown Univ. Law Center, J.D., 1981; July 20, 1985 m. Tracy D. Macpherson, 1 child, Skyler B.;



Chm., Orangeburg Co. Dem. Party, 1988–94; Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor, Order of the Arrow; prev. serv. in Sen. Apr. 30, 1996–06.



JACKSON, Darrell [D]—(Dist. No. 21, Richland Co.)—Businessman/Minister; Pres., Sunrise Enterprise of Columbia; Pastor, Bible Way Church of Atlas Rd.; residing at 608 Motley Rd., Hopkins; b. Feb. 1, 1957 in Columbia; s. the late Bishop Andrew C. and Janie (Lumpkin) Jackson; g. Benedict Coll., B.A., 1979; attended Cola. Bible Coll. and Seminary, 1980–82;

July 6, 1980 *m*. Willie Mae Rooks, 2 children, Darrell, Jr. and Antoine Joseph; former mem.: Richland Co. School Bd., Dist. One, 1990–92; Bd. of Dirs., SisterCare, Inc.; Cola. Free Clinic; former Trustee, United Way of the Midlands; received Benedict Coll. Most Distinguished Student Award, 1979; mem.: Palmetto Conservation Bd.; Cola. Visitors Bureau Bd.; Bd. mem., Big Brothers Big Sisters; Hon. Degree, Richard Stockton Coll., Pomona, N.J., 2002; Hon. Degree, Benedict Coll., 2002; prev. serv. in Sen. 1993–06.



KNOTTS, John Milton, Jr. "Jake" [R]— (Dist. No. 23, Lexington Co.)—Full-time Legislator/Retired Law Enforcement and Dep. Coroner, Lexington Co.; residing at 500 W. Dunbar Rd., West Columbia; b. Dec. 12, 1944 in West Columbia; s. John Milton, Sr. and Dovereen Jessie (Williams) Knotts; g. Palmer Coll., Assoc., Criminal Justice, 1974; Midlands Tech. Coll., Assoc.,

Corrections Admin., 1975; Assoc., Police Science, 1975; Drug Enforcement Admin., 1976; FBI Prosecutor School, 1976; Advanced FBI Prosecutors Investigator School, 1977; Masters in Firearms, FBI, 1977; FBI Academy, 1977; Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1982; Firearms Instructor, SLED, 1989; Certified CWP Firearms Instructor, 1996; Oct. 16, 1965 *m*. Betty Lee Bodig 2 children, Michelle Nicole and Tara Marie; served in every position in law enforcement beginning as a beat officer at Cola. Police Dept., Columbia, S.C., 1968–75, Narcotics & Vice Detective, 1970; Riot Squad, Major Crime Investigator; Chief

Investigator, 5th Judicial Circuit; Fugitive Squad, White Collar Crime Div.; Special Invitation Grand Jury; Lexington Co. Dep. Coroner, 1995; Private Sector Dir. Corporate Security; Chambers Dev. Co. Southern Region; Chm., West Columbia Planning Comm., 1978-79; Chm., Post 79 Boys State Amer. Legion; Mason; 40 & 8 Legionnaire; Civil Process Servs., 1990-; Jud. Com.; Special Laws Subcom., 1995-; Criminal Law Subcom., 1995-; Rules Com., 1998-; Public Safety Coordinating Council, 1995; Sentencing Guidelines Comm.; Freshman Legislator of the Year, 1996; S.C. Troopers Assn.; S.C. Crime Victims Award, 1995, 1996, 1997; Strom Thurmond Monument Comm.; Startec Security, Dir. of Corporate Dev., Southern Region, 2005-; Outstanding Serv. to Victims of Crime, Legislator of the Year Award, 2006; S.C. Dental Hygiene Assn., Legislator of the Year Award, 2006; S.C. Fraternal Order of Police, Senator of the Year Award, 2006; Certificate of Appreciation awarded by Lexington Co. Health Servs. Dist., Inc.; Certificate of Appreciation awarded by Native Amer. Pow Wow; mil. serv.: Vietnam Veteran, USN, 1964-68, enlisted; prev. serv. in House 1995-02; Sen. Apr. 23, 2002-06.

LAND, John Calhoun III [D]—(Dist. No. 36, Calhoun-Clarendon-Florence-Sumter Cos.)—Atty.; residing at Pinestraw Lane, Manning; b. Jan. 25, 1941 in Manning; s. John Calhoun, Jr. and Anne Weisiger Land; g. Univ. of Fla., Vocational Forestry, 1960; Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1965, J.D., 1968; Oct. 23, 1965 m. Marie Adell Mercogliano, 3 children, John Calhoun IV, Frances Ricci,



and William Ceth; Eagle Scout Award, 1955; mem.: S.C. Hwy. Comm., 1971–74; elected Sen. Dem. Majority Leader, 1993–00; elected Sen. Dem. Minority Leader, 2000–; Recipient of The Compleat Lawyer Award by Univ. of S.C. Law School Alumni Assn., 1996; prev. serv. in House 1975–76; Sen. 1977–06.



LEATHERMAN, Hugh Kenneth, Sr. [R]—(Dist. No. 31, Darlington-Florence Cos.)—Businessman; residing in Florence; b. Apr. 14, 1931 in Lincoln Co., N.C.; s. John B. and Ada (Gantt) Leatherman; g. N.C. State Univ., B.S., 1953; Nov. 11, 1978 m. Jean Helms, 6 children, Sheila Dianne, Hugh Kenneth, Jr., Karen Ann, Joyce Lynn, Amy Jean, and Sarah Ada; mem.: Managing

Partner, WyBoo Investments; Pres., Leacon, Inc.; mem.: Quinby Town Council, 1967–76; Mayor *Pro Tempore*, 1971–76; mem. *emeritus*: Francis Marion Univ. Bd. of Trustees; Clemson Univ. Pres. Adv. Council; Clemson Univ. Coll. of Engineering & Science Adv. Bd.; VC, Transportation; Chm., Fin. Com.; Ethics Com.; Rules Com.; State House Com.; Interstate Cooperation; Labor, Commerce & Industry. Operations & Mgmt. Com.; Corrections & Penology Com.; mem.: S.C. Budget & Control Bd.; Chm., Salary Exec. & Performance Evaluation Comm.; Chm., Jt. Bond Review Com.; State Infrastructure Bank; mem., Central United Methodist Church; prev. serv. in Sen. 1981–06.



LEVENTIS, Phil Peter [D]—(Dist. No. 35, Lee-Sumter Cos.)—Pres., Dixie-Central Distributing Co., Inc.; residing at 935 Andiron Dr., Sumter; b. Nov. 3, 1945 in Lexington Co.; s. Peter P., Jr. and Tina (Palasis) Leventis; g. Univ. of Virginia, 1969; Dec. 22, 1969 m. Ellen V. Locker, 4 children, Gregory, Henry, Peter, and Christina V.; Bd. of Dirs., Sumter Rotary Club, 1979–80; Paul

Harris Fellow; Pres., Manning Ave. Free Studio, 1979–80; Co. Airport Comr., 1980; Bd. of Dirs. & VP for Econ. Dev., Sumter Chamber of Commerce, 1979–80; Bd. of Dirs., S.C. Beer Assn., 1978–80, 2000–05; mem.: Amer. Legion Post 15; former Bd. mem., Santee-Lynches Grassroots Adv. Council, 1979–80; Univ. of S.C. School of Health Partnership Bd.; Organizer and Bd., Sumter Natl. Bank; former Bd. mem., Comm. Bank Shares Bd.; 2002 nominee of the Dem. Party for Lt. Gov.; mil. serv.: USAF, 1969–74; SCANG, 1974–99; Brigadier Gen. (Ret.), McEntire ANG Base; former Asst. Adjutant Gen. for Air;

former fighter pilot; volunteered for active duty during Persian Gulf War; flew 21 combat missions over Iraq & Kuwait; decorations: Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross; prev. serv. in Sen. 1981–06.

LOURIE, Joel [D]—(Dist. No. 22, Kershaw-Richland Cos.)—Businessman; residing at 3 Lakecrest Dr., Columbia; b. Sept. 24, 1962 in Columbia; s. the late Isadore and Susan (Reiner) Lourie; g. Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1984; Richland Northeast High, 1980; Jan. 27, 1990 m. Rebecca Baum, 2 children, Rachel and Sam; Adv. Bd. for the Midlands Boys and Girls Club;



March of Dimes of the Midlands: Richland Dist, One Partners in Educ, Foundation: Richland Dist, Two Reconnecting Communities and School Bds.: Richland Two Bus. Adv. Council: Forest Lake Elementary School Improvement Council; Natl. Fed. of the Blind; S.C. Safe Kids Coalition; S.C. Reach Out and Read Adv. Comm.: 2006 Seat Belt Champion Award from the Meharry-State Farm Alliance; 2006 State Safety Leadership Award from the Natl. Transportation Safety Bd.; 2005 S.C. Comm. on Natl. and Comm. Serv. Legislator of the Year; 2005 S.C. Public Health Assn. Legislator of the Year; 2004 Legis. Award from the S.C. Counseling Assn.; 2004 Advocate Award from the S.C. School Improvement Council; 2002 Advocate Award from the Natl. Alliance for the Mentally Ill: 2004 and 2006 Legis. Appreciation Awards from S.C. Victims Assistance Network: 2003 Legislator of the Year Award for the Natl. Assn. of Social Workers: House Leader on the Gov's Nuclear Waste Task Force; 2000 Alliance for S.C.'s Child Advocacy Leadership Award: 2000 Senior Advocacy Award from Senior Resources: 2000 S.C. Dept. of Health and Environmental Control Legislator of the Year Award; 2000 Distinguished Serv. Award from the S.C. Assn. of Non-Profit Organizations; prev. serv. in House 1999-04; Sen. 2005-06.



MALLOY, Gerald [D]—(Dist. No. 29, Chesterfield-*Darlington*-Lee-Marlboro Cos.)—Atty.; residing at 1216 Salem Rd., Hartsville; *b*. Oct. 26, 1961 in Chesterfield Co.; *s*. John A. and Geraldine Malloy; *g*. Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1984, J.D., 1988; July 8, 1989 *m*. Davita McFarland, 4 children, Donovan, Jonathan, Jordan, and Morgan; Immediate past Pres., S.C. Trial Lawyers

Assn.; S.C. Supreme Court Comm. on Lawyer Conduct, 1996-02; served on Judicial Qualifications Com. of the S.C. Bar Assn.; Rep. for Fourth Judicial Circuit for Young Lawyers Div., S.C. Bar Assn.; Chm., Public Defenders Bd. of Darlington Co. Bar Assn.; Chm., Hartsville Recreation Com.; former Pres., Hartsville Northern Youth Baseball League; served on Hartsville Downtown Dev. Bd.; helped establish Butler Heritage Foundation; mem.: Lions Club; Omega Psi Phi; Univ. of S.C. Alumni Bd.; Nominating Com., S.C. Bar Assn.; Bd. mem., Indigent Defense Comm.; mem., Gov.'s School for Science & Math Foundation Bd.; Bd. of Trustees, Fin. Com. and Jerusalem Men's Ensemble of Jerusalem Baptist Church; Home Rule Award by Cos. Assn., 2003; S.C. Library Assn. Friend of the Libraries, 2004; elected in Special Election Nov. 5, 2002 to fulfill unexpired term of Edward E. Saleeby [D], deceased; prev. serv. in Sen. 2003–06.



MARTIN, Larry A. [R]—(Dist. No. 2, *Pickens* Co.)—Textiles, Alice Mfg. Co.; residing in Pickens; *b.* June 20, 1957; s. Edgar M. and Lois B. Martin; *g.* Pickens High School, 1975; attended Tri-Co. Tech. Coll.; June 25, 1983 *m.* Susan Lynn Evatt, 3 children, Caroline Elizabeth, Larry Anthony, Jr., and Anna Leigh; former mem.: Dacusville Lions Club; S.C. Appalachian

Council of Govts. Bd.; past Chm., Liaison Com. on Small Bus.; Pickens First Baptist Church; Moderator and Sun. School Teacher; past Chm. of Bd., S.C. 4-H Foundation; Pres., Pickens Co. United Way, 1983; Adv. Bd., Pickens First Natl. Bank, 1987–90; Econ. Dev. Comm., Southern Legis. Conf.; Adv. Bd., Rocky Bottom Camp of the Blind; Bd. for

Partnership & Career Educ.; Chm., Gov.'s School-to-Work Council, 1997–99; Tax Study Comm., 1998; listed in *Outstanding Young Men of America*, 1979; Who's Who in Amer. Politics, 1981–82, 1983–84; Personalities of the South, 1982–83; Natl. Fed. of Independent Businesses "Guardian of Small Business" Award, 1999; S.C. Chamber of Commerce Public Servant of the Year, 2002; S.C. Assn. of Cos. "Guardian of Home Rule" Award, 2003; Anderson-Oconee-Pickens Area Mental Health "Patrick B. Harris Humanitarian Award for Public Serv.," 2003; Hon. mem., Pickens Rotary Club; 2004 Legislator of the Year Award by the Natl. Fed. of the Blind of S.C.; Legislator of the Year for the Sen. by the S.C. Human Serv. Providers Assn., 2005; Natl. Alliance on Mental Illness "Mental Illness Champion 2006"; prev. serv. in House 1979–92; Sen. 1993–06.

MATTHEWS, John Wesley, Jr. [D]—(Dist. No. 39, Bamberg-Colleton-Dorchester-Hampton-*Orangeburg* Cos.)—Businessman/Retired Elementary School Principal; residing in Bowman, R-1; b. Apr. 21, 1940 in Bowman; s. the late John Wesley, Sr. and the late Victoria (Williams) Matthews; g. S.C. State Coll.; Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech. Coll., 1970–71; Lincoln Elec. Inst.



Cleveland, Ohio, 1972; Hon. Ph.D., Coll. of Charleston; Hon. Ph.D., S.C. State Univ.; Feb. 5, 1961 *m*. Geraldine Hillard, 5 children, Cynthia John, Michael Andre, Stephanie Renata, John Wesley III, and Brian DeReef; mem.: Alpha Phi Alpha Frat.; former Chm., S.C. Legis. Black Caucus; Chm., Orangeburg Co. Legis. Delegation; Southern Regional Educ. Bd.; Gov.'s Middle Grades Task Force; Distinguished Alumni Award, S.C. State Univ.; Orangeburg Co. Dem. of the Year; Minority Bus. Advocate of the Year, U.S. Small Bus. Admin.; Induction in the S.C. Black Hall of Fame; S.C. Primary Health Care Legislator of the Year; mem.: Pineville United Methodist Church; prev. serv. in House 1975–84; Sen. 1985–06.

McCONNELL, Glenn F., Pres. *Pro Tempore* (for biography and picture, see p. 18).



McGILL, John Yancey [D]—(Dist. No. 32, Florence-Georgetown-Horry-Williamsburg Cos.)—Real Estate Broker/Residential Homebuilder; residing at 309 Mingo Rd., Kingstree; b. Sept. 18, 1952 in Kingstree; s. the late Frank H. and Peggy (Tomlinson) McGill; attended The Citadel and Francis Marion Coll.; May 18, 1974 m. Pamela Jean Fennell, 3 children, Lisa, John, and

Maggie; past Chm., Deacon at Kingstree First Baptist Church; past Pres.: Kingstree Jaycees and Chamber of Commerce; Town Council, 1976–79; Mayor Pro Tempore, 1978–79; Mayor of Kingstree, 1984-88; Bd. of Dirs., Waccamaw Regional Planning & Dev. Council; past Chm., Waccamaw Industrial Revolving Loan Comm.; past mem., State Dem. Party Exec. Com.; Chm., Waccamaw Regional Planning Dev. Council; Sen. Legislator of the Year by Assn. of Conservation Dists., 2002; Legislator of the Year by the S.C. Cable Television Assn., 2002; Hon. Doctorate Degree, Francis Marion Univ., 2001; Outstanding Young Men of America; Select Com. of the Educ. Improvement Act; Amer. Legis. Exchange Council; Bd. of Visitors, Med. Univ. of S.C., 1990–91; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Assn. of Cos., 1993; Hon. Doctorate Degree, The Citadel, 1994; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Assn. of Regional Councils, 1997; Primary Health Care Assn. Legis. Award, 1998; Senator of the Year, Amer. Legion, 1999; S.C. Counseling Assn. Legis. Award. 1999; Hon. Doctorate Degree, MUSC, 2004; mem., Sen. Fin. Exec. Com.; Chm., Fin. Subcom. on Natural Resources; Chm., NESA (North East Econ. Strategic Alliance; prev. serv. in Sen. 1989-06.



MESCHER, William Clarence "Bill" [R]— (Dist. No. 44, Berkeley Co.)—Pres., William Mescher and Associates Mgmt. Consultants; residing at One Tranquility Lane, Box 1, Pinopolis; b. Sept. 5, 1927 in Belknap, Ill.; s. Clarence H. and Jane (Richards) Mescher; g. Univ. of Ill., BSEE; Northwestern Univ., M.B.A.; Aug. 1948 m. the late Shirley Sisson, 1 child, Barbara

Micheau; Feb. 15, 1986 m. Sallie Kitty Stanley, 3 children, Kathy

Johnson, Reed Tanner, and Karen Tanner; State Legis. Chm., Amer. Legis. Exchange Council (ALEC); past Pres. & Chief Exec. Off., Santee Cooper (S.C. Public Serv. Authority); past Chm., Amer. Public Power Assn.; Adjunct Professor, Univ. of S.C.; Registered Professional Engineer, State of Ill. & S.C.; Tau Beta Pi, Natl. Engineering Honor Soc.; U.S. Dept. of Interior Bird Bander; mem.: Bd. of Dirs., Tri-County Chamber of Commerce; past Chm., Berkeley Co. Museum; Amer. Legion; Moncks Corner United Methodist Church; past Bd. of Dirs. mem.: Adv. Bd., Natl. Soc. of Mechanical Engineers; Boy Scouts of America, Silver Beaver Award; life mem.: Greater Univ. of S.C. Alumni Assn.; VFW; S.C. Council on Econ. Educ.; Charleston-Trident Dev. Bd.; Charleston-Trident Chamber of Commerce; Charleston Symphony Orchestra; Coastal Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America; S.C. Natl. Bank, Moncks Corner; past mem.: Natl. Soc. of Professional Engineers; Illuminating Engineering Soc.; Utility Technology Mgmt. Delegation to China; Gov.'s Southeast/Korea Intl. Trade Comm. & U.S./Japan Intl. Comm.; World Energy Conf.; Legis. Leadership Delegation of the Southeast USA to Taiwan: Paul's Foundation Senator of the Year, 2001; S.C. Family Court Reform Serv. Award, 2002; The Hon. Order of Kentucky Colonels, May, 2003; Piedmont Municipal Power Ag. Legislator of the Year, 2005; Rotary Intl.; Elks Club; Masonic Lodge; Eastern Star; Shriner; mil. serv.: USA, Staff Sgt., Korea; prev. serv. in Sen. 1993-06.

MOORE, Thomas L. [D]—(Dist. No. 25, *Aiken*-Edgefield-McCormick-Saluda Cos.)—Businessman; residing in Clearwater; *b.* May 8, 1950 in Aiken; s. Lucius L., Jr. and Mae R. Harrelson; *g.* Univ. of S.C.-Aiken, B.S.; Mar. 21, 1971 *m.* Dale Johnson Moore, 2 children, Baylen and Brent; prev. serv. in House 1979–80; Sen. 1981–06.

